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1. THE CONFERENCE ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CONCLUDED SEPTEMBER 12, ONE-HALF
DAY AHEAD OF SCHEDULE, WITH DELEGATIONS OF ALL PERSUASIONS
OFFERING CONGRATULATIONS ON ITS SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME.

2. THE REPORT OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE, CONSISTING OF AN
AGREED PLAN OF ACTION, WAS APPROVED WITHOUT DEBATE OR
RESERVATIONS. THE G-77 OFFERED A RESOLUTION OF
APPRECIATION TO THE HOST COUNTRY AND PROPOSED THAT THE
PLAN BE KNOWN AS THE "BUENOS AIRES PLAN OF ACTION".
THIS PROPOSAL WAS ACCEPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. ABDEL-MEGUID, EGYPTIAN MINISTER OF PLANNING,
DELIVERED AN EMOTIONAL AND FLOWERY COMMENTARY ON TCDC,
EMPHASIZING THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION REFLECTED IN THE
NEGOTIATIONS AND THE UNIQUE ACHIEVEMENT OF CONSENSUS IN
A WORLD CONFERENCE. SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE G-77,
FRANK FRANCIS, PERMANENT SECRETARY OF THE JAMAICAN
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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SPOKE OF THE HEARTENING
WILLINGNESS OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO TAKE A CONSTRUC-
TIVE APPROACH TO TCDC. STATING THAT THE PLAN OF ACTION
WAS SATISFACTORY TO HIS GROUP IN ALL ESSENTIAL PRO-
VISIONS, HE ADDED THAT TCDC ALONE COULD NOT RESOLVE ALL
PROBLEMS AND INEQUITIES FACING THE THIRD WORLD. HE
PARTICULARLY NOTED, WITH DISAPPOINTMENT, THE FAILURE

OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN NEW YORK AND AVERRED THAT CONTINUED FAILURE IN NEW YORK WOULD HAVE SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE FUTURE. THE SUCCESS IN BUENOS AIRES, HE FELT, PRESENTED A CHALLENGE FOR A NEW LOOK IN NORTH/SOUTH RELATIONSHIPS.

4. OTHER SPEAKERS DURING THE CLOSING CEREMONIES INCLUDED THE PRC, POLAND, LIBERIA, CUBA, INDIA AND THE U.S. SECRETARY GENERAL BRADFORD MORSE MADE AN ELABORATE COMMENTARY ON THE MEANING OF THE CONFERENCE AND PRESENTED THE ORIGINAL TCDC FLAG TO THE G-77. PRESIDENT POZZO OF ARGENTINA CLOSED THE CONFERENCE

5. COMMENT: THE PLAN OF ACTION CAN BE REGARDED AS A SUCCESSFUL EXPRESSION OF U.S. AND G-77 OBJECTIVES. THE CONFERENCE WAS SUCCESSFUL IN ACHIEVING A CONSENSUS IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF MUTUAL RESPECT AND COOPERATION. EVEN THE MOST VIGOROUS OPPONENTS AMONG THE G-77 WERE PLEASED WITH THE OUTCOME AND THE GOOD RELATIONS DEVELOPED IN THE COURSE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. WRAP-UP TELEGRAM TO FOLLOW.

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